ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Image information input through an image information input device (e.g., image reader) is stored into an image information storage device (e.g., hard disk) and erased by an image information erasing device. A manager device (e.g., device controller) manages the status of an image processing apparatus and actuates the image information erasing device in accordance with the status of the image processing apparatus and erases the image information stored in the image information storage.